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FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM REUTER ON MALTA'S ELECTIONS: "PRIME MINISTER DOM MINTOFF'S LABOR PARTY TONIGHT APPEARED TO BE HEADING FOR A NARROW VICTORY IN MALTA'S GENERAL ELECTIONS.

WITH VOTES FROM FOUR OF THE 13 ELECTORAL DIVISIONS COUNTED, OFFICIALS SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCERNIBLE CHANGE FROM THE ELECTION FIVE YEARS AGO IN WHICH THE LABOR PARTY WON A ONE-SEAT MAJORITY OVER THE NATIONALIST PARTY.

OFFICIALS REPORTED A 95 PER CENT TURNOUT OF VOTERS, THE HIGHEST EVER OF THE ISLAND'S 217,785 ELECTORS.

THE FINAL STATE OF THE PARTIES IN THE NEW 65-SEAT PARLIAMENT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE KNOWN UNTIL TOMORROW, THEY ADDED." ROBINSON

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